

PETERSBURG.

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS—ADDRESS OF WELCOMING AND RESPONSE—VISITORS FROM NEW YORK—PERMANENT ORGANIZATION—STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION—ASSIGNED TO PASTORAL DUTY—NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY—LATE CUTTING AFFAIR—FIRE AT THE HOTEL—(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

JANUARY 12, 1877. The third annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Virginia met last night at 8 o'clock in the Tabernacle Street Presbyterian church. Representatives from seven associations reported themselves. Colonel William P. Munford presided. The meeting was rather a quiet one, but a business one, and the preliminary proceedings were confined mainly to the appointment and reports of committees on credentials and business. By the latter committee the times of meetings of the convention were fixed, and the order of business for each day reported. A committee on permanent organization, consisting of one member from each Association represented, was also appointed (Rev. Dr. Read, of Richmond, chairman), with directions to report this morning.

On behalf of the Petersburg Association, Rev. T. J. Read delivered a brief address, cordially and warmly welcoming the members of the convention to the city and to the homes and hearts of our people. President Munford eloquently and feelingly responded, accepting the welcome in the spirit in which it was given, and expressing the hope that the association in Virginia had been prosecuted under many great difficulties, but had been blessed of God. Three years ago there were only three associations in the State; now there are twenty-seven actively engaged in the work.

The convention related to the morning of 11 o'clock, and additional delegates were reported. Others are expected to arrive by the time of the night session. Messrs. T. K. Cree and George A. Hall, of New York, arrived this morning, and were present; and by request of the Convention, Mr. Hall continued to stay in the city. The convention was permanently organized by the election of Thomas D. Ransom, of Staunton, president; Rev. W. J. Smith, of Salem, and A. L. Lumsden, of Petersburg, vice-presidents. Secretaries: T. C. Morton, of Staunton, and J. Gray McCallister, of Petersburg.

Mr. Ransom, in a graceful speech, acknowledged the honor and confidence bestowed in his election. Colonel Munford, as chairman, then read the annual report of the Executive Committee, which contains also the reports of the membership and the financial statements of the associations of the State. After a general review of the progress of the Association work in Virginia during the year, the following statistics of the membership of the different associations are given: Alexandria, 61; Staunton, 200; and a library of 750 volumes; University of Virginia, 82, with a library of 300 volumes; Washington and Lee University, 35; Winchester, 130, with 2,000 volumes in their library; Roanoke College, 60; Richmond, 500, with a library of 5,000 volumes; Petersburg, 140 members. Reports from other associations not represented may probably be handed in to-night.

After discussion on several matters of minor interest, the Convention adjourned until 7 P. M., when Rev. S. A. Sidel, of Salem, gave the address on the subject of the Association's "Mission Primarily to Young Men." If this is concluded, Rev. Dr. J. William Jones will open the discussion on the "Relation of the Association to the Churches." Rev. William Frost, Bishop, who was recently licensed by East Hanover, Va., has been given the pastoral charge of the church at Ashland. This church was organized about two years ago, and is self-sustaining. It is an off-shoot of the Rev. Dr. Read's church.

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HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Interesting Telegrams from all Parts of the Country.

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE POWERS OF THAT BODY—THE PRIVILEGES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE—EQUAL MATTERS IN STATU QUO IN LOUISIANA—THE REPUBLICANS STILL BALLOTING FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR—MALICIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH A RAILROAD TRACK IN FLORIDA—CHURCH BURNED IN BROCKPORT—ARRIVAL OF THE RUSSIAN FLAG-SHIP IN HAMPTON ROADS—GOVERNOR COLQUHOUN OF GEORGIA, INAGURATED—BANK SUSPENSION IN BOSTON—A FISHKILL BANK IN TROUBLE, &c.

WASHINGTON, January 12, 1877.

Mr. Frelinghuysen presented a petition of persons representing the financial, commercial, manufacturing, and business interests of Newark, N. J., asking that in counting the electoral vote all party considerations be laid aside, and pure, unselfish patriotism be the basis of the action. The petition having been read, Mr. Frelinghuysen said he sympathized with the sentiments of the petitioners. He believed there was patriotism enough, and statesmanship enough, in the representatives of the American people to reach a satisfactory conclusion in regard to the action of Congress. He hoped that patriotism and statesmanship would be exercised. If Congress would reach a satisfactory conclusion of the matter, the effect would prove a boon to this nation worthy of the memorial here.

The steamer Amerique's hull is embedded twelve feet in sand, and the task of saving her is looked upon as a prodigious one.

TEN SCHOONERS LOST.—Washington, D. C., January 12.—A Gloucester, Mass., schooner, named the "Vesta," reports ten schooners of the fishing fleet from that port missing, and are doubtless lost, and their crews probably perished.

A LOST COMMISSIONER FOUND IN TEXAS.—St. Louis, January 11.—The Republic has a special dispatch from Sedalia, Mo., which says that information has been received that Samuel S. Burdett, late commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, who mysteriously disappeared from New York some months ago, was recently seen in San Antonio, Texas, and was with him. He did not allude to the cause of his disappearance, but asked his friend not to mention their meeting.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.—Three hundred new freight cars are to be built at a cost of one million dollars to be made in Europe; the road to be more fully equipped, and the branches extended.

FOREIGN NEWS.—London, January 12.—The conference, adjourned to-day, will be held at 11 o'clock, and will be held in the shape of an ultimatum will be presented to Turkey. Bismarck is reported as becoming impatient as the prolongation of the conference is damaging to the dignity of European Powers. Italy proposes the adjournment of the conference for a few days. Russia is pushing military preparations.

In reply to an address and the presentation of a sum of money Thursday to the Pope by the students of the American College at Rome, his Holiness dwelt upon "the marvelous progress Catholicism was making in America."

The Dispatch issued on New Year's day its accustomed double No., filled with valuable statistics, evincing great care, industry, and energy.—*Charlotte Gazette.*

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The Latest from Washington.

WESTERN DEMOCRATS DETERMINED, BUT HEAVY PREPARATIONS TO CIVIL WAR—THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE—THE CHANCES OF RECOGNITION OF THE NICHOLS GOVERNMENT IN LOUISIANA.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, January 12.—The disposition of the western Democrats to meet with force any attempt on the part of the Republicans to force the inauguration of Hayes becomes more apparent. Prominent Democrats from that section are in the city feeling the pulse of leading Democrats on the subject. Mr. Hewitt is known, and a majority of the National Committee are understood, to be strenuously opposed to any hostile movement.

Mr. Hewitt, chairman of the National Committee, frankly avows that he would prefer Hayes to civil war, and he thinks the very first step to force by arms the inauguration of Tilden would deprive the Democratic party of its most valuable support in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey. The moneyed men of course desire the inauguration of Tilden, but they are a unit for peace at any price.

The western Democrats say they are determined to secure a fair show for Tilden, even if they have to fight it out without the aid of the East and South. The latter, they say, will soon fall into line when they find those who concur with Mr. Hewitt.

The Committee on Powers, Duties, and Privileges of the House submitted a report of four propositions the majority had agreed upon, and gave notice that the subject will be called up for discussion next Wednesday. The Republicans of the committee will submit a minority report. Two members are to be added to the committee, additional labor having been imposed upon it by the resolution of Representative Willis, which instructs that committee to inquire whether any votes had been given contrary to the prohibition contained in the first section of the second article of the Constitution, the prohibition being as follows:

"But no senator or representative, or person holding any office of trust or profit under the United States, shall be appointed an elector," as also the inquiry directed by Representative Kasson to ascertain whether any electoral votes had been cast by persons whose political disabilities had not been removed.

Senator Withers has given notice that he will call up next Tuesday the Senate resolution condemning the military occupation of Petersburg on the 7th of November last. Senator Johnston will discuss the question in its legal aspects, combating the views presented in his opinion upon the case. Colonel Withers will present the general view that the use of troops at polling places practically destroys the freedom of elections, and that if the law can be construed to authorize it the statutes giving the President that power should be repealed. Governor Walker has already introduced a bill in the House to effect that object.

Speaker Randall gave his first reception of this winter at his residence last night. About sixty persons, representing both political parties, were present.

David Dudley Field, of New York, has been assigned to a seat on the Republican side of the House, near Hyman, of North Carolina, no other eligible seat being vacant on the right. But he occupies the seat of Stephens, of Georgia, who has been too unwell for about three weeks to appear at his post.

Lieutenant-General Sheridan was on the floor of the Senate to-day.

Senator Sharon made his first appearance in the Senate this session to-day.

The probability is that the House Committee on Commerce will not report a river and harbor bill this session. All appropriations for internal improvements will thus have to be made by specific appropriation.

A prominent member of the House Committee on the Electoral Count said this morning that the Senate committee had substantially agreed upon a bill prescribing the method of conducting the electoral count, and that it would prove acceptable to both parties.

A rumor is current to-night that Brother-in-law Casey, who was in the city a few days ago, took with him to New Orleans an order from the President to General Augur to withdraw the troops from New Orleans, and that Casey was authorized to use it in his discretion. The English of which is that if the Nichols Legislature elects him to the United States Senate he may give Augur the order to move up the Mississippi, and the Nichols government will immediately become master of the situation, and will be recognized for the sake of peace to Louisiana as the de facto government, or if the Democrats decide, the Republicans may have an opportunity by the same process to possess themselves of the undisputed possession of the State.

The report of the House Committee on Powers and Privileges of the House attracted some attention to-night, as the first outcome from any of the committees. Although this committee is thrown somewhat in the shade by the committees on the method of counting the vote, Chairman Knott says the report is only the first step; that the committee have as yet only begun work. Marsh defines his position as follows: The Constitution says the president shall open all the certificates, and the vote then be counted. In a certain contingency, the House shall elect a President, and the Senate the Vice-President. The inference to his mind is that the House is the judge to decide whether the contingency has arisen which shall require it to elect the President. The idea that the House has more authority than the Senate seems to be spreading.

Thomson of Massachusetts leans that way, and so do several others of the most conservative members of the House. McDill, one of the Republican members of the committee, holds the very comfortable view that the two houses have equal powers, and when they disagree the president of the Senate has the casting vote. In the present situation, there being no Vice-President, this simply allows the Senate to elect the umpire.

(Associated Press Telegrams.)

WASHINGTON, January 12.—The President has appointed Jesse A. Glenn postmaster at Dalton, Ga.

The Senate has confirmed Woodford as attorney for the southern district of New York.

The Cabinet had an hour's session to-day, but nothing important received attention. They did not consider southern affairs.

Official dispatches from New Orleans present no new features.

The joint committee on counting the electoral vote adjourned at 6 o'clock to meet again to-morrow. Nothing transpired.

Barnes's arrest does not involve at present any unreasonable or inconvenient personal restraint.

The latest dispatches from New Orleans show no change. The Republican Senate is still without a quorum. Three senators are said to be at Pinchback's house, guarded.

at their request, by Nichols's police against capture by the sergeant-at-arms of the House.

A dispatch from Salem, Oregon, says a Republican lawyer got \$3,000 for arguing in favor of Cronin before Governor Grover; that Cronin got \$3,000 for carrying votes to Washington, and that the balance of the money was returned.

A report was current at the Capitol this morning that some action crippling to the Nichols government would be taken before night. At noon Senator West knew nothing about it, and did not believe it.

The name of Elihu Q. Crawford, sent to the Senate yesterday for judge of the Northern district of Florida, was withdrawn to-day. The cross-examination of Major Richards and the examination of Detective McDevitt did not break the force of the charge against McDevitt of a conspiracy to entice Representative Whitcomb into a questionable locality, to arrest him and hold him until the reporters had secured the item. The police released that their compliance was pretended, and it still seems that Murtagh acted from no personal motive beyond obliging the Navy Department, which was under investigation, by a piece of which Whitcomb was chairman.

MOVEMENT OF MONITORS—THE RUSSIAN FLEET. MONITOR VESSELS WEATHER-BOUND. FORTRESS MONITOR, January 12.—The monitors Wando and Passaic, and Montauk, which have been in the Roads for the past three months, were sent up to Norfolk to-day to make room for the Russian fleet, which is hourly expected. The Roads are crowded with merchant vessels.

ARRIVAL OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET. NORFOLK, January 12.—The frigate Svetlan, flag-ship of the Russian squadron, arrived in Hampton Roads this afternoon, having on board Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Bontouff. The remaining ships of the squadron are expected to arrive to-morrow. The Russian Minister and Admiral Kurov, of the Russian fleet, chartered a tug and immediately went down from here to Hampton Roads to escort the Grand Duke to the city. Suitable apartments have been provided for him at the Atlantic Hotel.

THE LATE RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN FLORIDA—RESULT OF THE CORONER'S INQUEST. PENSACOLA, January 12.—The coroner's jury in the case of Butler, killed in the accident on the Pensacola railroad, returned a verdict of no criminal interference with the track by parties unknown.

UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED. MORRISTOWN, N. J., January 12.—John H. Talmadge, confined here on the charge of defrauding a Canada bank of \$30,000, was unconditionally released on request of the bank's lawyers.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

CIRCULAR OF THE LIVERPOOL COTTON BROKERS' ASSOCIATION. LIVERPOOL, January 12.—In its review of the week ending last night the Cotton Brokers' Circular says: The market was animated the early part of the week, and with very considerable business, prices advanced considerably. There has been a quiet time since Tuesday. The market was flat to-day (Thursday), with a pressure to sell, and a portion of the advance was lost. American continued in very extensive request the earlier part of the week, and prices advanced 5-16. The market has been less active since Tuesday, and has been freely supplied, 1-16 to 1-8 of the advance has been lost. Sea Island has been neglected, but prices are firm in futures, and transactions continue large, with considerable fluctuation in prices.

VARIOUS FOREIGN ITEMS. LONDON, January 12.—A special dispatch from Berlin to the Post says twenty Social Democrats have been elected to Parliament. They have shown great strength in all the large towns, where defeated.

The Brazilian cable is interrupted between Bahia and Rio Janeiro. The Pall-Mall Gazette of this afternoon, in a leading article, expresses the belief that Germany's action is a fresh indication of her desire to make Russia a vassal, and the Russian Empire shaken or destroyed.

A special from Berlin to the Pall-Mall Gazette says Bismarck is indisposed and confined to his room, and unable to attend the Prussian Diet, which was opened by the Emperor in person to-day.

The Turco-Servian Troubles. EXPORTATION OF GRAIN AND CATTLE PROHIBITED. LONDON, January 12.—The Foreign Office has received a dispatch from the British Ambassador at Constantinople announcing that the export of grain and cattle has been prohibited from the vilagete of the Danube, and the export of grain prohibited from the forts of Trebizond, Samsum, and Kerasun. A DEMAND FROM THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 12.—A note has been presented to the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, from the Roumanian Government, demanding that Turkey recognize that Roumania forms no integral portion of the Ottoman empire.

DRUGS, MEDICINES, &c.

CASTOR OIL—TASTELESS.

ITALIAN CASTOR OIL—tasteless and pure. This article is recommended for delicate patients, and is comparatively easy to take. For sale by PURCELL, LADD & CO., Druggists, 1216 Main street.

VACCINE VIRUS—NON-HUMANIZED.—Genuine VACCINE VIRUS (non-humanized), on quills, constantly on hand. Supply limited. Price 25c. For Great Britain, by mail. PURCELL, LADD & CO., Druggists, 1216 Main street.

FOR DISEASED GUMS, DECAYED TEETH, and ulcerations of the mouth, and as a delightful wash for offensive breath, use MEADE & BAKER'S CARBOLIC MOUTH-WASH. Sold at 50c. a bottle by druggists generally.

WHITE TEETH! WHITE TEETH!

To whiten and preserve the teeth, and eradicate tartar without injury, use MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE. Sold at 50c. a box by druggists generally.

FRESH COD-LIVER OIL

OF UNUSUALLY FINE QUALITY, possessing all the therapeutic virtues that belong to this drug, just received and for sale by the bottle and on draught by J. BLAIR, Druggist, do 111 corner of Broad and Ninth streets.

THE GREAT REMEDY.

ANTI-DYSPEPTIC DROPS, for all cases of SICK HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, CONSTIPATION, and NERVOUS WEAKNESS, arising from DYSPEPSIA, by restoring the stomach to its normal condition, and by the bowels being opened. Price 75c. Sold by all druggists. R. O. CHESTNUT, Manufacturer, 326 Main street, Richmond, Va.

SADDLES, HARNESS, &c.

TO THE PUBLIC.—Having rented the interest of John H. Dickerson & Brother, I shall continue the BUSINESS of all the branches, and solicit a share of the patronage heretofore bestowed on the concern. 1512 Franklin street. J. A. DODD.

YESTER.

TO MY CUSTOMERS.—I have just received by rail a large lot of YESTER'S from Hampton and York, at great, with special prices to suit the times, at 1212 Franklin street. J. A. DODD.

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